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My one real grievance with Microsoft and their marketing practices is that I cannot buy any pre-built PC through mainstream distribution channels without the pre-installed Microsoft operating system and all of the associated crap that comes with it.

There is no choice. I have been building my own PCs from scratch for years to avoid this. The function of a free market is to provide choice, and the proper remedy to Microsoft's abuse of the monopoly power they hold is to enforce choice. Specifically there should be no constraints on what Microsoft licensees may do with regard to the configuration of their machines. The right to use that one purchases from Microsoft for their products should not be encumbered with any constraints on what one may otherwise do.

When I buy a car, the manufacturer give me orders about how to decorate it, or what other types of cars I may own at the same time, or where I have to get my parts and accessories.

Thank you for your attention.

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